

PTA Workshop

A workshop for all historians in the Lomita-San Pedro Council was held this week at Bandini St. School under the direction of

Mrs. A. C. Akerson, 10th district chairman.

Instruction and help was given filling out the annual reports that will be turned over to the Council president on March 3.

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South Torrance Residents Given Water Cost Figures

South Torrance residents have three choices in improving their water system, all of them costly. That's what they learned Monday night when Torrance and county representatives gave them estimates on the cost of improving their mutual water system and removing the building ban now clamped on the area.

Angus McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance water department said that an informal estimate for replacing defective pipes an annexing the system will cost \$250,000.

County Offer
That figure would include only the restoration of lines.

Kenneth Putnam, a representative of the County Engineer's office, said that a conservative estimate of replacing defective lines, pumps and storage facil-

ities and annexing the private water company to County Water District No. 13, will require \$400,000.

Harold La Mour, president of the South Torrance Civic Improvement Association which sponsored the meeting at the Howard Wood School, said that a third choice would be to overhaul the system and continue to operate it as private water company.

Replacement Cost
He said that cost of replacing the defective lines, installed on the rear property lines, has been given by an engineering source as \$157,500.

He said the next move will be up to the owners of the mutual company who must decide what they want to do about improving the system.

He pointed out, however, that some of the 500 owners, now reside out of State and it may be difficult to contact them for a meeting.

He said that the association will continue to oppose the building ban clamped on the area recently on grounds that low water pressure constitutes a fire hazard.

La Mour said that the direction the opposition will take is up to Walter N. Anderson, attorney for the water company.

Diane Hinshaw Wins Bond in Essay Contest

Diane Hinshaw, 17-year-old Torrance High senior Friday was named winner of a \$100 war bond in the Jewish War Veterans essay contest. The topic of the essay was "The Importance of Preserving Minority Rights in a Democracy."

The bond was presented by Nat Benjamin, Americanism chairman of Post 499 of the Jewish War Veterans. Judges were Benjamin, City Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle, and Kurt Liepman, Torrance Press editor.

Runners-up in the contest were Linda Ambrose, Mary Margaret Blount, Garry Day, and Sally Mason.

The winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meral Hinshaw, 2467 W. Carson St., she plans to attend college. Science and teaching are her major interests.

St. Catherine to Vie in Casaba Playoff Games

St. Catherine Labourer Club's boys basketball team will vie in the Archdiocese playoffs beginning March 10, after winning the southwest league championships.

The Torrance quintet won victories over St. Eugene's St. Michael's, St. Paul the Apostle, St. Anthony's and American Martyrs teams.

Coached by Monte Gmur, the team is comprised of co-captains Steve Nicholson and Dick Sanders, Joey Richmond, Bill Richardson, Bill Desserts, Ed Turner, Doug McNeil, Bob Ramstead Ronnie Sanders, Ray Sanders and Dave Higgins.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS

The next meeting of the Executive Board of Newton PTA will be held at the home of Mrs. D. C. Robbins, president, 135 Paseo de Gracia, Hollywood Riviera.

At the recent Founder's Day Program a theme "Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow" was presented by Mrs. John Holmes, chairman, with members taking part in the humorous skit.

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